

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PARIS 14128 031238Z

44

ACTION EA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 AID-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03

H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02

SS-15 USIA-06 ACDA-05 SAJ-01 OMB-01 /080 W

----- 030988

R 031229Z JUN 75

FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9999

INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

CINCPAC

C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 14128

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: JP, PFOR

SUBJECT: JAPANESE CONCERN ABOUT ASIAN SCENE FOLLOWING  
FALL OF INDOCHINA

1. DURING HIS VISIT TO FRANCE IN CONNECTION WITH OECD MEETING, JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA ON MAY 28 GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE OF WHICH AFP REPORTED THE FOLLOWING: "ASKED ABOUT INDOCHINA, THE JAPANESE MINISTER FORESAW THAT THE EQUILIBRIUM OF THE PAST MUST DISAPPEAR WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE U.S. AND 'ONE CAN EXPECT THAT THE INSTABILITY WILL CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME. BUT THE LONG TERM PERSPECTIVE WILL ENCOURAGE THE COUNTRIES OF INDOCHINA TO SEEK THEIR OWN IDENTITY ON THE CONDITION THAT THE COMMUNIST GREAT POWERS DO NOT EXPORT REVOLUTION'."

2. IN ONE OF PERIODIC CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBOFF, JAPANESE COUNSELLOR KATO YOSHIYA SAID THAT MIYAZAWA HAD EXPRESSED UNEASINESS ABOUT ASIAN PROBLEMS TO THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO WAS VISIBLY SURPRISED. KATO CONTINUED, THE FRENCH SEEMED TO BELIEVE THAT DESPITE SOME PUSHING BY KIM IL SUNG, THE GENERAL ASIAN POLITICAL  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PARIS 14128 031238Z

CLIMATE WOULD BE MUCH MORE FAVORABLE NOW THAT THE

NAGGING PROBLEM OF INDOCHINA HAD BEEN SETTLED. FRENCH SAID THAT THE CHINESE (TENG HSIAO-PING) ALSO THOUGHT THE NEW SITUATION WAS ONE OF STABILITY, BUT THE JAPANESE, ACCORDING TO KATO, STRESSED THEIR BELIEF THAT A WIND OF INSTABILITY WAS NOW BLOWING OVER ASIA WITH COMMUNIST MOVEMENTS PREPARED TO PUSH MUCH HARDER NEARLY ANYWHERE AND CONFIDENCE IN ANY AMERICAN COMMITMENT SEVERELY SHAKEN. KATO SAID THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR ANY GOVERNMENT TO TAKE US PRESIDENTIAL ASSURANCES AT FACE VALUE EVEN WHEN CURRENTLY SUPPORTED BY THE CONGRESS. THE CONGRESS IS CHANGEABLE (AS IS U.S. PUBLIC OPINION) AND CONGRESS HAS NOW SHOWN IT CAN CRIPPLE THE EXECUTIVE. THE COMBINATION OF INCREASED ASIAN COMMUNIST MILITANCY (ENCOURAGED BY AN AGGRESSIVE DRV) AND DECREASED U.S. CREDIBILITY MEANT ANY LACK OF PRC OR USSR RESTRAINT-- PERHAPS STEMMING FROM THEIR RIVALRY -- WOULD UPSET THE PRECARIOUS BALANCE. KATO SAID JAPAN WAS REEXAMINING ITS OWN DEFENSE POLICY IN THE LIGHT OF THE NEED FOR GREATER "SELF-RELIANCE". FURTHER DETERIORATION IN ASIA, PARTICULARLY IN ANY COUNTRY "CLOSER TO HOME" WOULD ACCELERATE THE PROCESS.

3. COMMENT: FRENCH ASIAN EXPERTS HAVE BEEN CAUTIOUS IN ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF THE COMMUNIST VICTORIES IN INDOCHINA, BUT FRENCH POLITICIANS HAVE A TENDENCY TO BE POLLYANNISH IN VIEWING THE PROSPECTS FOR ASIA. NO DOUBT THE FRENCH HABIT OF SEEING THE BEST IN DRV AND PRG INTENTIONS IS IN PART MOTIVATED BY THE DESIRE TO RE-ESTABLISH A GREATER FRENCH ROLE IN INDOCHINA. THE FRENCH VIEW THAT THE RESOLUTION OF THE INDOCHINA CONFLICT WILL STABILIZE ASIA IS FOR ORTHODOX GAULLISTS IN PARTICULAR A VINDICATION OF THE GENERAL'S STATEMENT IN HIS PHNOM PENH SPEECH THAT ONLY U.S. INTERVENTION DE-STABILIZED THE ASIAN SCENE. IT WAS THEREFORE VERY USEFUL FOR THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER TO STARTLE HIS FRENCH AUDIENCE WITH HIS MORE SOBER VIEW.  
RUSH

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PERSONAL OPINION, POLITICAL STABILITY, PRESS CONFERENCES, POLITICAL SITUATION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 03 JUN 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** greeneet  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975PARIS14128  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750193-0745  
**From:** PARIS  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750686/aaaadare.tel  
**Line Count:** 98  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** greeneet  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 14 MAY 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <14 MAY 2003 by MartinML>; APPROVED <01 OCT 2003 by greeneet>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
06 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** JAPANESE CONCERN ABOUT ASIAN SCENE FOLLOWING FALL OF INDOCHINA  
**TAGS:** PFOR, JA, XC, (MIYAZAWA, KIICHI)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006